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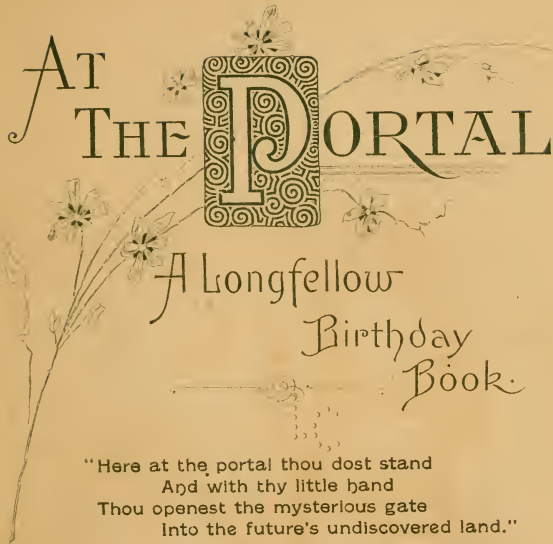
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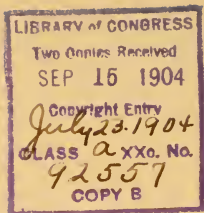
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"Here at the portal thou dost stand
And with thy little hand
Thou openest the mysterious gate
Into the future's undiscovered land."

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LIFE is real ! Life is earnest !
And the grave is not its goal ;
"Dust thou art, to dust returnest,"
Was not spoken of the soul.
Not enjoyment, and not sorrow,
Is our destined end or way ;
But to act, that each to-morrow
Finds us farther than to-day.

THE PSALM OF LIFE.

JANUARY

Look not mournfully into the Past. It comes not
back again. Wisely improve the Present. It is thine.
Go forth to meet the shadowy Future without fear,
and with a manly heart.

HYPERION.

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JANUARY

And when the wintry tempest blows,
And January's sleets and snows
Are spread o'er every vale and hill,
With one to tell a merry tale
O'er roasted nuts and humming ale,
I sit, and care not for the gale;
And let the world laugh, an' it will.

LET ME GO- WARM.

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JANUARY

No one is so accursed by fate,
No one so utterly desolate,
 But some heart, though unknown,
 Responds unto his own.
Responds, as if, with unseen wings,
An angel touched its quivering strings,
 And whispers, in its song,
 "Where hast thou stayed so long?"

ENDYMION.

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JANUARY

I breathed a song into the air,
It fell to earth, I knew not where;
For who has sight so keen and strong,
That it can follow the flight of song!

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The song from beginning to end
I found again in the heart of a friend.

THE ARROW AND THE SONG.

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JANUARY

Be still, sad heart! and cease repining;
Behind the clouds is the sun still shining;
Thy fate is the common fate of all,
Into each life some rain must fall,
Some days must be dark and dreary.

THE RAINY DAY.

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JANUARY

Winter stood at the gate, wagging his white and
shaggy beard, like an old harper chanting an old
rhyme.

HYPERION.

Be noble in every thought and in every deed.

THE GOLDEN LEGEND.

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FEBRUARY

Chill airs and wintry winds! my ear
Has grown familiar with your song,
I hear it in the opening year,—
I listen, and it cheers me long.

WOODS IN WINTER.

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FEBRUARY

Leafless are the trees; their purple branches
Spread themselves abroad, like reefs of coral,
Rising silent
In the Red Sea of the winter sunset.

THE GOLDEN MILESTONE.

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FEBRUARY

O beauty of holiness,
Of self-forgetfulness, of lowliness!
O power of meekness,
Whose very gentleness and weakness
Are like the yielding, but irresistible air!

THE GOLDEN LEGEND.

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FEBRUARY

All great and unusual occurrences, whether of joy or sorrow, lift us above this earth; and we should do well always to preserve this elevation. **HYPERION.**

Have faith and thy prayer will be answered.

EVANGELINE.

19th

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FEBRUARY

But the nearer the dawn the darker the night.
And by going wrong all things come right;
Things have been mended that were worse,
And the worse the nearer they are to mend.

TALES OF A WAYSIDE INN

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Hlawatha and Minnehaha.

MARCH

Henceforth be mine a life of action and reality!
I will work in my own sphere, nor wish it other than
it is. This alone is health and happiness.

HYPERION

Stay, stay at home my heart and rest;
Home-keeping hearts are happiest.

SONG

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MARCH

Were half the power that fills the world with terror,
Were half the wealth bestowed on camps and courts,
Given to redeem the human mind from error,
There were no need for arsenals and forts.

THE ARSENAL AT SPRINGFIELD

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MARCH

God sent His Singers upon earth
With songs of sadness and of mirth,
That they might touch the hearts of men,
And bring them back to heaven again.

THE SINGERS

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MARCH

Strange is the heart of man, with its quick, mysterious
instincts!

Strange is the life of man, and fatal or, fated are
moments,

*Whereupon turn, as on hinges, the gates of the wall
adamantine.

THE COURTSHIP OF MILES STANDISH

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MARCH

Golden visions wave and hover,
Golden vapours, waters streaming,
Landscapes moving, changing, gleaming!
I am like a happy lover
Who illumines life with dreaming!

THE GOLDEN LEGEND.

25th

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MARCH

All is of God! If He but wave His hand,
The mists collect, the rains fall thick and loud;
Till with a smile of light on sea and land,
Lo! He looks back from the departing cloud.

THE TWO ANGELS.

31st



APRIL

When the warm sun that brings
Seed time and harvest, has returned again,
'Tis sweet to visit the still wood, where springs
The first flower of the plain.

AN APRIL DAY.

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APRIL

The swallow is come!
The swallow is come!
O, fair are the seasons and light
Are the days that she brings
With her dusky wings,
And her bosom snowy white!

HYPERION.

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APRIL

From the earth's loosened mould
The sapling draws its sustenance, and thrives;
Though stricken to the heart with Winter's
cold,
The drooping tree revives.

AN APRIL DAY.

13th

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APRIL

Feeling is deep and still; and the word that
floats on the surface
Is as a tossing buoy, that betrays where the
anchor is hidden.

EVANGELINE.

19th

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APRIL

In the citadel of Time stands man himself. In childhood shaped of soft and delicate wood just fallen from Heaven; in manhood, a statue of bronze, commemorating struggle and victory; and lastly, in the maturity of age, perfectly shaped in gold and ivory—a miracle of art!

HYPERION.

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APRIL

The earth looks bright, and Winter surly,
Who has toiled for nought both late and early,
Is banished afar by the new-born year,
When thy merry step draws near.

SPRING.



Preciosa.

MAY

Sweet is the air with the budding haws, and the
valley stretching for miles below
Is white with blossoming cherry - trees, as if just
covered with lightest snow.

THE GOLDEN LEGEND.

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MAY

For the structure that we raise,
Time is with materials filled ;
Our to-days and yesterdays
Are the blocks with which we build.

THE BUILDERS.

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MAY

If you find a lady who pleases you very much, and you wish to marry her, and she will not listen to such a horrid thing, I see but one remedy, which is, to find another who pleases you more, and who will listen to it.

HYPERION.

13th

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MAY

Happy, thrice happy every one
Who sees his labour well begun,
And not perplexed and multiplied,
By idly waiting for time and tide.

THE BUILDING OF THE SHIP

19th

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MAY

Write on your doors the saying wise and old,
"Be bold! be bold! and everywhere be bold;
Be not too bold!" Yet better the excess
Than the defect.

MORITURI SALUTAMUS.

25th

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MAY

When the heart goes before like a lamp, and
illuminates the pathway,
Many things are made clear that else lie
hidden in darkness.

EVANGELINE.

31st



JUNE

Like the swell of some sweet tune,
Morning rises into noon,
May glides onward into June.

MAIDENHOOD.

Their blessing is the light of peace
That shines upon her face.

THE GOOD PART.

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JUNE

From that hour forth he resolved that he would no longer veer with every shifting wind of circumstance—no longer be a child's plaything in the hands of Fate, which we ourselves do make or mar.

HYPERION.

7th

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JUNE

But the good deed through the ages
Living in historic pages,
Brighter grows and gleams immortal,
Unconsumed by moth or rust.

THE NORMAN BARON.

13th

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JUNE

Love, love, what wilt thou with this heart of mine?
Naught see I fixed or sure in thee!
I do not know thee, nor what deeds are thine;
Love, love, what wilt thou with this heart of mine?
Naught see I fixed or sure in thee!

RONDEL.

19th

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21st

22d

23d

24th

JUNE

Oh, fear not in a world like this,
And thou shalt know ere long,
Know how sublime a thing it is
To suffer and be strong.

THE LIGHT OF STARS.

25th

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JUNE

Toiling, rejoicing, sorrowing,
Onward through life he goes ;
Each morning sees some task begin,
Each evening sees it close ;
Something attempted, something done,
Has earned a night's repose.

THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH.



Beware!

JULY

Where'er my footsteps wander
All the meadows wave with blossoms,
All the woodlands ring with music,
All the trees are dark with foliage.

HIAWATHA.

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JULY

O weary hearts! O slumbering eyes!
O drooping souls whose destinies
Are fraught with fear and pain,
Ye shall be loved again!

ENDYMION,

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JULY

Silently one by one, in the infinite meadow of
heaven,
Blossomed the lovely stars, the forget-me-nots
of the angels.

EVANGELINE.

13th

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JULY

The talent of success is nothing more than doing what you can do well, and doing well whatever you do without a thought of fame.

HYPERION.

19th

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JULY

Build to-day, then, strong and sure,
With a firm and ample base;
And ascending and secure
Shall to-morrow find its place

THE BUILDERS.

25th

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JULY

Let us, then, be what we are, and speak what we
think, and in all things
Keep ourselves loyal to truth, and the sacred
professions of friendship.

THE COURTSHIP OF MILES STANDISH.

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AUGUST

All about
The broad sweet sunshine lay without,
Filling the summer air.

THE GOLDEN LEGEND.

Let our unceasing earnest prayer
Be, too, for light.

THE GOBLET OF LIFE.

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AUGUST

No endeavor is in vain;
Its reward is in the doing,
And the rapture of pursuing
Is the prize the vanquished gain.

THE WIND OVER THE CHIMNEY.

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AUGUST

For him that overcometh are
The new name written on the stone,
The raiment white, the crown, the throne,
And I will give him the Morning Star!

TALES OF A WAYSIDE INN.

13th

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AUGUST

All common things, each day's events,
That with the hour begin and end,
Our pleasures and our discontents,
Are rounds by which we may ascend.

THE LADDER OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

19th

20th

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22d

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24th

AUGUST

We have not wings, we cannot soar;
But we have feet to scale and climb,
By slow degrees, by more and more,
The cloudy summits of our time.

THE LADDER OF ST. AUGUSTINE.

25th

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AUGUST

Be not like a stream that brawls,
Loud with shallow waterfalls,
But, in quiet self-control,
Link together soul and soul.

SONGO RIVER.

31st

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Evangeline.

SEPTEMBER

There is a beautiful spirit breathing now
Its mellow richness on the clustered trees,
And, from a beaker full of richest dyes,
Pouring new glory on the autumn woods.

AUTUMN.

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SEPTEMBER

Love against hatred,
Peace-cry for war-cry!
Patience is powerful;
He that o'ercometh
Hath power o'er the nations!

THE MUSICIAN'S TALE.

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SEPTEMBER

Hands of invisible spirits touch the strings
Of that mysterious instrument, the soul,
And pray the prelude to our fate.

THE SPANISH STUDENT.

The grave itself is but a covered bridge
Leading from light to light through a brief darkness.

THE GOLDEN LEGEND.

13th

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SEPTEMBER

O what a glory doth this world put on
For him, who with a fervent heart, goes forth
Under the bright and glorious sky, and looks
On duties well performed, and days well spent !
For him the wind, ay, and the yellow leaves,
Shall have a voice and give him eloquent
teachings.

AUTUMN.

19th

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SEPTEMBER

At the flaming forge of life,
Our fortunes must be wrought;
Thus on the sounding anvil shaped
Each burning deed and thought.

THE VILLAGE BLACKSMITH.

25th

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SEPTEMBER

Our hearts, our hopes, are all with thee;
Our hearts, our hopes, our prayers, our tears
Our faith triumphant o'er our fears,
Are all with thee,—are all with thee!

THE BUILDING OF THE SHIP



OCTOBER

Autumn

Painted all the trees with scarlet,
Stained the leaves with red and yellow.

THE SONG OF NIAWATHA

With a sober gladness the old year takes up
His bright inheritance of golden fruits.

AUTUMN.

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OCTOBER

Let us do our work as well,
Both the unseen and the seen;
Make the house where God may dwell,
Beautiful, entire and clean.

THE BUILDERS.

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OCTOBER

Thou whose heart
Is like a nest of singing birds
Rocked on the topmost bough of life,
Wilt thou, too, from our sky depart,
And in the clangour of the strife
Mingle the music of thy words ?

THE GOLDEN LEGEND.

13th

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OCTOBER

Alas! It is not till time, with reckless hand, has torn out half the leaves from the Book of Human Life to light the fires of passion with, from day to day, that man begins to see that the leaves which remain are few in number.

HYPERION.

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OCTOBER

When'er a noble deed is wrought,
When'er is spoken a noble thought,
Our hearts in glad surprise,
To higher levels rise.

SANTA FILOMENA.

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OCTOBER

Wondrous truths, and manifold as wondrous,
God hath written in those stars above;
But not less in the bright flowerets under us
Stands the revelation of His love.

FLOWERS.

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Resignation.

NOVEMBER

Shadows dark and sunlight sheen
Alternate come and go.

VOICES OF THE NIGHT.

Make your name spotless as lilies are.

THE SPANISH STUDENT.

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NOVEMBER

O life and love! O happy throng
Of thoughts whose only speech is song!
O heart of man! canst thou not be
Blithe as the air is, and as free?

A DAY OF SUNSHINE.

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NOVEMBER

Let not him that putteth his hand to the plough
look backwards;
Though the ploughshare cut through the flowers
of life to its fountains.

THE COURTSHIP OF MILES STANDISH.

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NOVEMBER

In the world's broad field of battle,
In the bivouac of life,
Be not like dumb, driven cattle!
Be a hero in the strife!

A PSALM OF LIFE.

19th

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NOVEMBER

Nothing useless is, or low ;
Each thing in its place is best ;
And what seems but idle show
Strengthens and supports the rest.

THE BUILDERS.

25th

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NOVEMBER

Bear through sorrow, wrong and ruth,
In thy heart the dew of youth,
On thy lips the smile of truth.

MAIDENHOOD.

A noble type of good,
Heroic womanhood.

SANTA FILOMENA.



DECEMBER

A wind came up out of the sea,
And said, "O mists make room for me."

It hailed the ships, and cried "Sail on
Ye mariners, the night is gone."

DAYBREAK.

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DECEMBER

Ever thicker, thicker, thicker
Froze the ice on lake and river,
Ever deeper, deeper, deeper
Fell the snow o'er all the landscape.

HIAWATHA.

7th

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DECEMBER

For what is Time? The shadow on the dial,—the striking of the clock,—the running of the sand,—day and night,—summer and winter,—months, years, centuries. These are but arbitrary and outward signs—the measure of Time, not Time itself. Time is the life of the Soul.

HYPERION.

13th

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18th

DECEMBER

Let us be patient! These severe afflictions
Not from the ground arise,
But oftentimes celestial benedictions
Assume this dark disguise.

RESIGNATION.

19th

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21st

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DECEMBER

I heard the bells on Christmas Day
Their old familiar carols play,
And wild and sweet
The words repeat
Of "Peace on earth, good will to men."

CHRISTMAS BELLS.

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DECEMBER

Wassail for the kingly stranger
Born and cradled in a manger!
King, like David, priest, like Aaron.
Christ is born to set us free!

THE NORMAN BARON.

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YES, the year is growing old,
And his eyes are pale and bleared !
Death with frosty hand and cold
Plucks the old man by the beard,
Sorely, — sorely !

The leaves are falling, falling,
Solemnly and slow ;
Caw ! Caw ! the rooks are calling,
It is a sound of woe,
A sound of woe !

Through woods and mountain passes
The winds, like anthems roll ;
They are chanting solemn masses, .
Singing: " Pray for this poor soul,
Pray, — pray ! "

MIDNIGHT MASS FOR THE DYING YEAR.

NOTES

Let us kneel down, and side by side
Pray, till our souls are purified,
And pardon will not be denied.

THE GOLDEN LEGEND.

All things rejoice in youth and love,
The fulness of their first delight!

IT IS NOT ALWAYS MAY.

NOTES

And the night shall be filled with music,
And the cares that infest the day
Shall fold their tents like the Arabs.
And as silently steal away.

THE DAY IS DONE.

NOTES

O world! So few the years we live,
Would that the life which thou dost give
Were life indeed!

COPLAS DE MAURIQUE.

Visions of childhood! Stay, O stay!
Ye were so sweet and wild!

PRELUDE.

NOTES

In your life let my remembrance linger.

THE GOLDEN LEGEND.

Not in word alone, but in deed, to love
one another.

EVANGELINE.

NOTES

Our Lord and Master,
When He departed, left us in His will,
As our best legacy on earth, the poor!
These we have always with us; had we not,
Our hearts would grow as hard as these stones.

THE GOLDEN LEGEND.

NOTES

All the means of action—
The shapeless masses—the materials—
Lie everywhere about us. What we need
Is the celestial fire to change the flint
Into transparent crystal, bright and clear.

THE SPANISH STUDENT.

NOTES

Each man's chimney is his golden milestone,
Is the central point from which he measures every
distance

Through the gateways of the world around him.

THE GOLDEN MILESTONE.

NOTES

All dear recollections
Pressed in my heart, like flowers within a book.

THE SPANISH STUDENT.

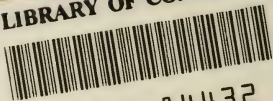
Every man must patiently bide his time.
He must wait.

HYPERION.



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